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WORKERS' MILITIA

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The national headquarters of the Workers' Militia is in the Department of the Interior.

Aside from county headquarters in each county seat there is also a city headquarters in the Capital, Budapest.

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At the head of the county command at Győr is BELA KÖHEGY

Endowed with the same rights as the chief officer is the Secretary of the County Party Committee, FERENC LOMBOS

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Every county commanding officer has under him a trained officer and a staff officer serving in an advisory capacity.

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Up to May 1963 the training officer was ISTVAN BEDÖK

the Department of the Interior is said to have given an order that all former AVH people be removed from the Workers' Militia.

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At the head of the battalion command in Győr is DAVID

The Chief officer of the battalion, ISTVAN SZULICS

The name of the officer in charge of weapons is unknown.

The battalion commander in Győr has three companies under it.

Company I consisted only of the workers' militia that was recruited from the car factory

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The company commander was ERDEI [REDACTED] The company consisted of 120 men, with three platoons and each platoon had three squads. [REDACTED]

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Platoon commander of Squad 1 was ISTVAN KNAUSZ [REDACTED]

The commander of Squad 1, 1st Platoon, is IMRE FAZEKAS [REDACTED]

Squad 3 is under the command of SANDOR KISS [REDACTED]

Out of Company 1 [REDACTED] following members [REDACTED]

KAROLY BERKE [REDACTED]

GYULA SEBÖK, [REDACTED]

in the car factory shop unit.

EGERVARI [REDACTED]

VENDEL LEPOSA [REDACTED]

MIHALY KUPI, [REDACTED]

LASZLO VEGH [REDACTED]

GYULA NAGY [REDACTED]

SZANTO [REDACTED]

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LASZLO KLEBERSZ [REDACTED]

LADANYI [REDACTED]

PINTER [REDACTED]

Company 2 of the workers' militia in Győr is composed of members of the machine tool factory and other small heavy industry plants. It has 120 men in all.

Company 3 is composed of workers of other plants in Győr. It also has 120 men. Out of Company 3 [REDACTED]

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JAKAB SZAVA [REDACTED]

The battalion of the workers' militia in Győr has "A-strength." To it belongs another squad of workers' militia with four antitank guns, which are located somewhere in Győr, whereabouts unknown.

The battalion of the workers' militia in Győr is directly responsible to the county command of Sopron-Győr County. The county command also has another staff platoon, which is only concerned, however, with communications. Nothing concrete is known.

Furthermore, the county command has under it:

A company in MOSONMAGYARÓVÁR; a company in CSORNA; a company in SOPRON; and a company in KAPUVÁR.

Since May 1963 all members of the workers' militia have been obliged to devote eight hours a month to company training under the direction of the battalion command. [REDACTED]

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Prior to May 1963 the exercises were for four hours at a stretch twice a month.

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The car factory was obliged to dismiss the workers' militia members for this period and to continue their wages. The workers' militia, however, later compensated the factory for the wages they had paid out.

The exercises of the workers' militia were carried out in the region in the neighborhood of Győr. For these exercises the militia men received their weapons (rifles or automatic rifles or automatic rifles) at the battalion headquarters and they were carried by truck to the drill field. Every member of the militia was obligated to appear at headquarters an hour before the beginning of the exercises.

The drills were performed in a gray-blue uniform with cap (a five-pointed star on it), a holster with pistol, and high laced boots. Shortly boots will be furnished, as shoes are not appropriate.

The pistol is carried by the militia member on his person at all times for personal protection, or else he has it at his home. It is a Soviet pistol Type TT, 7.62 mm. cal. and is carried as a militia credential. The use of the weapon is determined by legal regulations.

At home the pistol must be kept under lock and key in a special case. Functionaries of the militia keep check on this.

Automatic rifles and rifles are kept in the weapon room at battalion headquarters. The automatic rifle was of Soviet make with barrel magazine, 72 rounds.

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After the basic training the militia is given combat training according to the regulations of the Armed Forces. This includes: street blockades, formation of search troops for open country and built up regions, taking over of security tasks of all descriptions, breaking up of demonstrations, etc.

Every three months two hours of JUDO training was given.

Every six months there was rifle practice.

The militia members were also trained in simulated battles.

In recent months there has been practical instruction in laying tread mines and trip mines. Every two months there were exercises with sharp steel hand grenades.

Immediately after his acceptance the militia member was invested with his uniform and administered the oath of office in the assembly of the whole company. The oath of allegiance was always taken to the Hungarian Republic (People's Democracy). At the same time the militia member receives his workers' militia badge and his service pistol.

This oath of service had to be signed. Upon breach of the oath the militia member was subject to military jurisdiction.

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Prior to 1962 only party members could join the workers' militia, but since then it has been happening from time to time that non-party members are accepted on the basis of their professional knowledge or reputations as good citizens. Service in the workers' militia is an honor and one must reckon with dismissal for the least infringement of the moral code. The workers' militia is an elite troop with strict discipline.

In case of an uprising the member of the workers militia have the duty of supporting the units of the Department of the Interior in battle against counter-revolutionaries. They are further obligated to report any rumor or piece of information immediately to headquarters.

Every militia member is privileged to arrest a person upon suspicion of criminal or political offense, but he must turn him over immediately to the executive headquarters.

If the militia member is on a raiding mission, he must also carry out document inspection.

The militia service in Győr is limited to the party center at Győr. Patrols are not made. The sentries stand guard workdays from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. (double patrol). Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the party house is guarded throughout the day. Reliefs take place every eight hours. If a municipal holiday falls on a Sunday, the watches are doubled.

This service is honorary.

Only those militiamen who stand guard Saturdays, Sundays and holidays receive 20 Forints per diem maintenance allowance.

Furthermore, the guarding of monuments, which is done to a certain extent, and the workers' militia demonstrations are not compensated.

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In the case of an alarm maintenance is provided the workers' militia. There is no pay for their services.

Only militiamen on duty wear a red arm band on the left arm with the inscription "MUNKASÖRSAG" (Workers' Militia) in black letters.

If the militiamen are wearing their gray-blue uniforms, they have on the right breast, below the pocket, the insignia of the workers' militia, a "machine pistol" within a wreath of corn, below the machine pistol the Hungarian national colors and in the green stripe the letters MÖ. Over the "machine pistol" is a five-pointed Soviet star in red. This insignia is worn in miniature in the buttonhole on civilian clothes.

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After a five-year term of service every militiaman receives, together with a citation, a decoration, namely, a Soviet star on a red band with white piping.

Furthermore, small keepsakes are given, such as an ash try, a fountain pen, a fine book, a cigarette lighter, or some such thing for unusual services, but never money.

If a militiaman leaves his residence, he must always leave information at the house as to how he can be reached. If he goes away for several days he must report this to the battalion headquarters. On vacation the workers' militiaman is obligated to report to the local workers' militia battalion. Also he must check out on his return.

If a militiaman travels abroad, he must leave his credential and weapon at the battalion headquarters.

About two or three times a year there were practice alarms. Militiamen were notified by means of motorized couriers and the unit was completely ready for action within about two or three hours. In Győr it happened that a company was detailed for border support and blocking measures had to be taken. In such a case the local commander of a military unit became at the same time the officer in charge of the workers' militia.

At the battalion headquarters of the workers' militia in Győr there are three telephones with the following connections:

1. Open network. Domestic use.
2. Direct line to county police headquarters.
3. Command line. Direct connection with the national headquarters of the militia in Budapest.

In the waiting room there is a register in which all incidents must be recorded and all persons using the room must sign. Furthermore, there is a book for officials to sign (mostly party control organs).

When the militia is dissolved the following will be turned over to the party functionaries: (In a steel box)

- 1 complete alarm plan for the workers' militia of the battalion.
- 1 complete list of names of the members of the battalion and their addresses.
- 1 list of the current officers
- 1 weapon and munition plan and location of the equipment.

The headquarters of the workers' militia is in the 3rd floor of the house, blocked off from all other rooms of the house by an iron grating. On the 4th floor of the house is the weapons room of the battalion, which is also protected by steel doors.

In the cellar of the house is the militia's munition supply.

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